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The opening ceremony of the Forum on Sport and Olympism in Africa graced by the presence of several African IOC Members and Representatives from various stakeholders of the International Sports Movement amongst who were inter alia, Presidents of International Sport Federations (IAAF, FILA, FIE, and ISF) and their counterparts from African Sports Confederations of Football, Athletics, Basketball, Boxing, Table Tennis was marked by three speeches delivered respectively by the President of the Tunisia Olympic Committee, the Representative of the IOC President Dr Jacques Rogge, Mr. Mohamed M'ZALI IOC Life Honorary Member, Int. General Lassana Palenfo, President of ANOCA and the Tunisian Minister of Youth and Sports

Also in attendance were the following: FIFA represented by Mr. ISSA Hayatou, European Olympic Committees represented by its President Mario Pescante, CONFEEES by its Secretary General Youssouf Fall, the International Rowing Federation, African Wrestling Federation International Table Tennis Federation, and World Anti-doping Agency.

This Forum of information and consultation the purport of which was to devise a cogent and performance-driven sport development policy in Africa afforded the opportunity to review the present status of sports development on the continent and define the broad guidelines of

objectives assigned to the ANOCA Executive Committee who will be tasked to develop and implement such strategies and resources necessary for the achievement of its mission.

From the various presentations delivered by various speakers and resource persons and following edifying and indepth discussions, the forum formulated the following recommendations:

- Development and Implementation of a four-year sport and Olympism development programme in Africa underpinned by the following actions;
- Put in place an efficient and performance-driven administration in all African NOCs;
- Restructure the administration of ANOCA, hire the required personnel and refurbish the Headquarters building that must henceforth meet the dictates of a modern and functional working environment;
- Organise the ANOCA Zone Games as from 2006 for the under 20s the programme of which will include at least one team sport and four individuals including athletics.
- Develop a talent identification policy driven by Zone Games;
- Promote a construction programme of sports facilities in liaison with Governments, the IOC, International Sport Federations international organisations and various donors;

- Harmonise the policy on technical assistance and the award and training of athletes by states, the International Sports Movement and International Organisations;
- Cooperate with International Olympic Federations, African Sports Confederations and Olympic Solidarity in the creation, administration and funding of high performance training centres;
- Secure the participation of all athletes who are scholarship holders especially those at high performance training centres in competitions for which they are qualified or at which they may obtain their qualification for various world championships and the Olympic Games.
- Support in such manner as deemed appropriate programmes for the promotion of disabled sport and of women through sport and in sport,
- Develop school sport in African countries;
- Enact appropriate measures to check false age declarations by athletes ;
- Develop functional archives and documentation centres as well as a data bank within ANOCA and all African NOCs;

- Ensure proper flow of information and manage and run NOCs professionally through consistent utilisation of cutting-edge information and communication technology;
- Prompt African countries to gradually include in their respective budgets provisions for counterpart funds rendered indispensable by conditionalities prescribed for international aid;
- Foster in all transparency cooperation and complementary actions between Governments and national and international sport Movements without however jeopardising the autonomy of the Olympic Movement governed by the relevant provisions of the Olympic Charter and the Constitution of respective NOCs ;
- Devise a rational and complementary calendar of competitions at national, zonal, regional continental and international competitions;
- Run training courses in marketing for African NOCs in order to facilitate the sourcing of additional revenue streams;
- Urge African IOC Members to work towards making Africa a key roleplayer within the International Olympic Movement;
- Promote African nominations based on competence, moral rectitude and probity for administrative positions, Commissions and Working Groups within the International Sports Movement;
- Promote olympic education within all African National Olympic Committees through the creation and organisation of national

olympic academies and the putting in place of a continental Olympic academy;

- Seek to include olympic education in school and university syllabuses;
- Encourage all advocates of olympism especially those who witnessed its introduction and development in Africa and the world to document the stages and processes of its evolution in an appropriate literary work;
- Identify a cluster of cities capable of hosting the Olympic Games in Africa either individually or through co-hosting and take appropriate measures to ensure that this perspective be a medium or long term objective for Africa as a whole;
- Initiative businesslike but cordial negotiations with SCSA with a view to making it subscribe to an appropriate and meaningful strategy to upgrade the organisation of the All-Africa Games;
- Associate African and International media in the drive to streamline the organisation and administration of the African Sports Movement ;
- Help upgrade the sport technical knowledge of media professionals through the running of regular workshops on sport in schools of journalism and as part of national, regional and continental fora;

- Consolidate and boost within NOCs and ANOCA a professional driven communication policy through the use of cutting-edge information and communication technology and the appointment of press officers ;
  
- Streamline the communication strategy of ANOCA through the nomination of an appropriate commission endowed with adequate resources;
  
- Appoint a Task-Force or a select Committee within the ANOCA Executive Committee to monitor such actions as are necessary for the programming and implementation of the recommendations of this forum;